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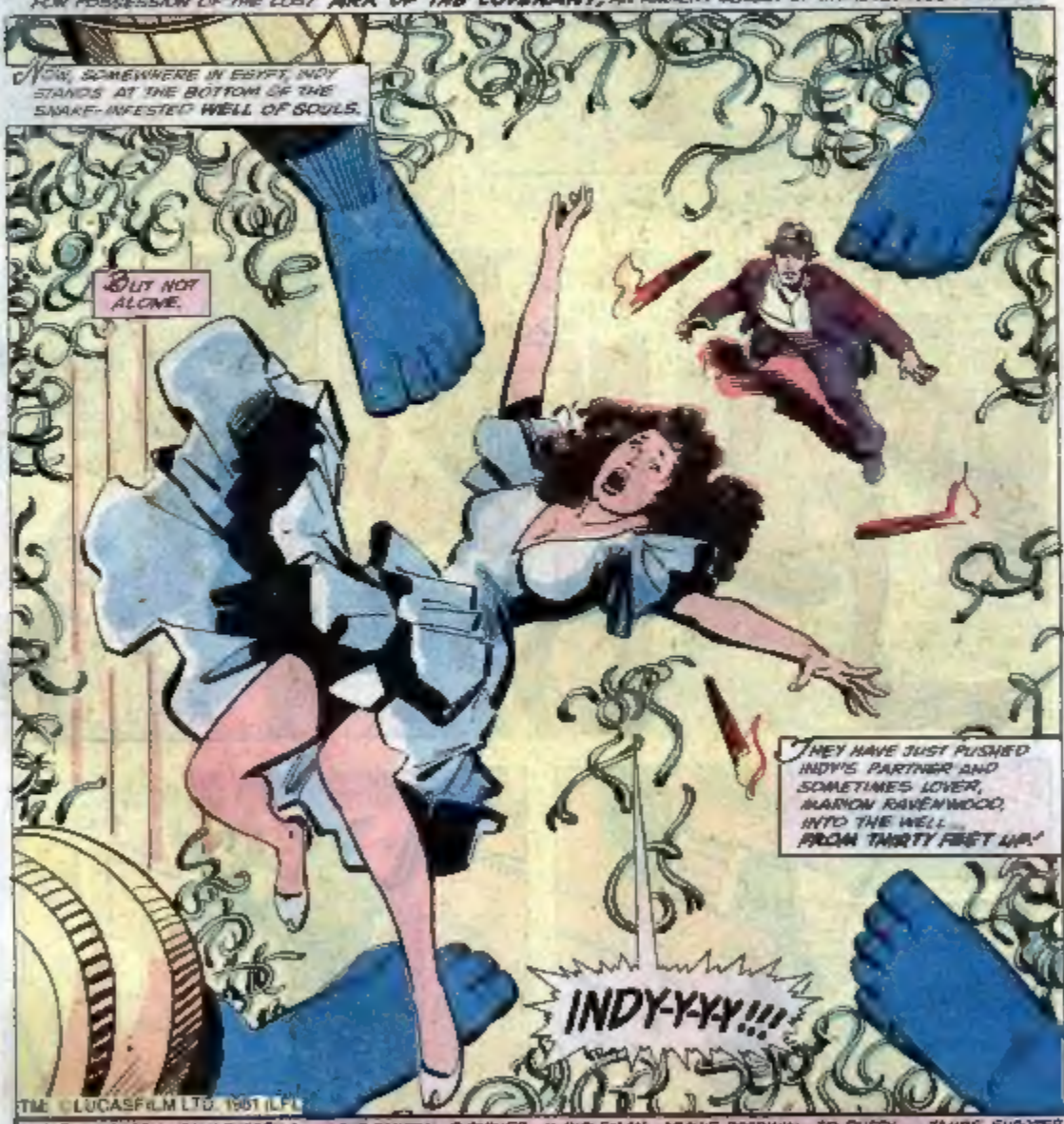
INDIANA JONES, AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGIST AND SOLDIER OF FORTUNE, HAS BEEN BATTLING THE NAZIS FOR POSSESSION OF THE LOST ARK OF THE COVENANT, AN ANCIENT OBJECT OF INCALCULABLE POWER.


NOW, SOMEWHERE IN EGYPT, INDY STANDS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SNAKE-INFESTED WELL OF SOULS.
BUT NOT ALONE.
THEY HAVE JUST PUSHED INDY'S PARTNER AND SOMETIMES LOVER, MARION RAVENWOOD, INTO THE WELL FROM THIRTY FEET UP!
INDY-Y-Y-Y!!!

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BRACING HIMSELF FOR THE SHOCK, INDY GRITS HIS TEETH AND...
WHU-WAP!
UGHH!
...DOESN'T QUITE TUMBLE BACK INTO THE WRITHING MASS OF SNAKES...

WHILE ABOVE, INDY'S PROFESSIONAL RIVAL, RENÉ BELLOQ, WATCHES THE SCENE PITILESSLY.
AH, MON AMI, WHAT A FITTING END FOR YOU TO BECOME A PERMANENT ADDITION TO THIS ARCHEOLOGICAL FIND!
ADIEU!
THERE IS A WOOSH OF AIR AS UNSEEN NAZI SOLDIERS SLAM THE HEAVY STONE INTO PLACE...

...AND THE WELL OF THE SOULS IS SEALED ONCE MORE FOR ETERNITY!
DON'T PANIC! THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME FOR THAT LATER!
TAKE A TORCH... IT'LL KEEP BACK THE SNAKES!
BESIDES, YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO BE IN THE THICK OF IT.
IS IT TOO LATE TO CHANGE MY MIND?

OH, GOD! THIS IS THE WORST DREAM I EVER HAD.
INDY?

MARION, WHATEVER HAPPENS TO ME, KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AND GET READY TO RUN!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THESE STATUES ARE SO OLD, THEY'RE NO LONGER STEADY. THEY COULD BE OUR TICKET OUT OF HERE.
BUT HOW WILL CLIMBING HELP?
THE ROOF'S SEALED AGAIN.
JUST WATCH THE SNAKES, WILL YOU?

OKAY, BUT WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING, DO IT FASTER!
THEY'RE CLOSING IN.
INDY WEDGES HIMSELF BETWEEN THE STATUE AND THE WALL AND BEGINS TO PUSH WITH ALL HIS MIGHT.

... AND THEN, EVER SO SLOWLY, AMID A SHOWER OF DUST AND PULVERIZED STONE...
THE STATUE BEGINS TO TOPPLE FORWARD...
MARION! STAND CLEAR!
KRRASSHHH!
...AND SMASHES A HOLE THROUGH THE WALL OF THE WELL OF THE SOULS INTO ANOTHER CHAMBER!
COME ON! HURRY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE SMELL! THIS IS THE WORST PLACE I'VE EVER BEEN!
NO! BACK THERE WAS THE WORST PLACE YOU'VE EVER BEEN!
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT, INDY? IF I HAD TO PICK SOMEBODY TO BE WITH...
GOT YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU DO.
MINUTES PASS AS THEY THREAD THEIR WAY THROUGH THE ANCIENT CHAMBERS...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING?
ABSOLUTELY!
THANK GOD! WHERE?
OUT!
LOOK! SUNLIGHT!
MOMENTS LATER...
WE MADE IT! BUT WE STILL HAVE TO GET THE ARK AWAY FROM THE NAZIS!
WHO'S THE GUY IN UNIFORM DOWN THERE?
THAT'S CAMP COMMANDER DIETRICH'S AIDE, GOBLER.
LET'S GET CLOSER AND SEE IF WE CAN HEAR WHAT'S GOING ON.
GET THE FLYING WING GASSED IMMEDIATELY!
IT HAS AN UNACCOUNTANT CARGO TO TAKE OUT!
JAWOHL, MEIN HERR.

LET'S GO, MARION!
THEY'RE GOING TO FLY THE ARK BACK TO BERLIN!
... AND BY THE TIME IT'S LOADED, WE'RE ALREADY GOING TO BE ON THAT PLANE!
SUDDENLY...
BLAST!
VAS IST...
IF I CAN DECK THIS GUY QUIETLY, WE MIGHT STILL MAKE IT!
WHAM!
?
SO...
... THE AMERICAN IS STILL ALIVE.
I CAN FIX THAT!
UH— MARION?
DON'T WORRY, INDY.
I'VE DONE THIS BEFORE, REMEMBER?
WOK!

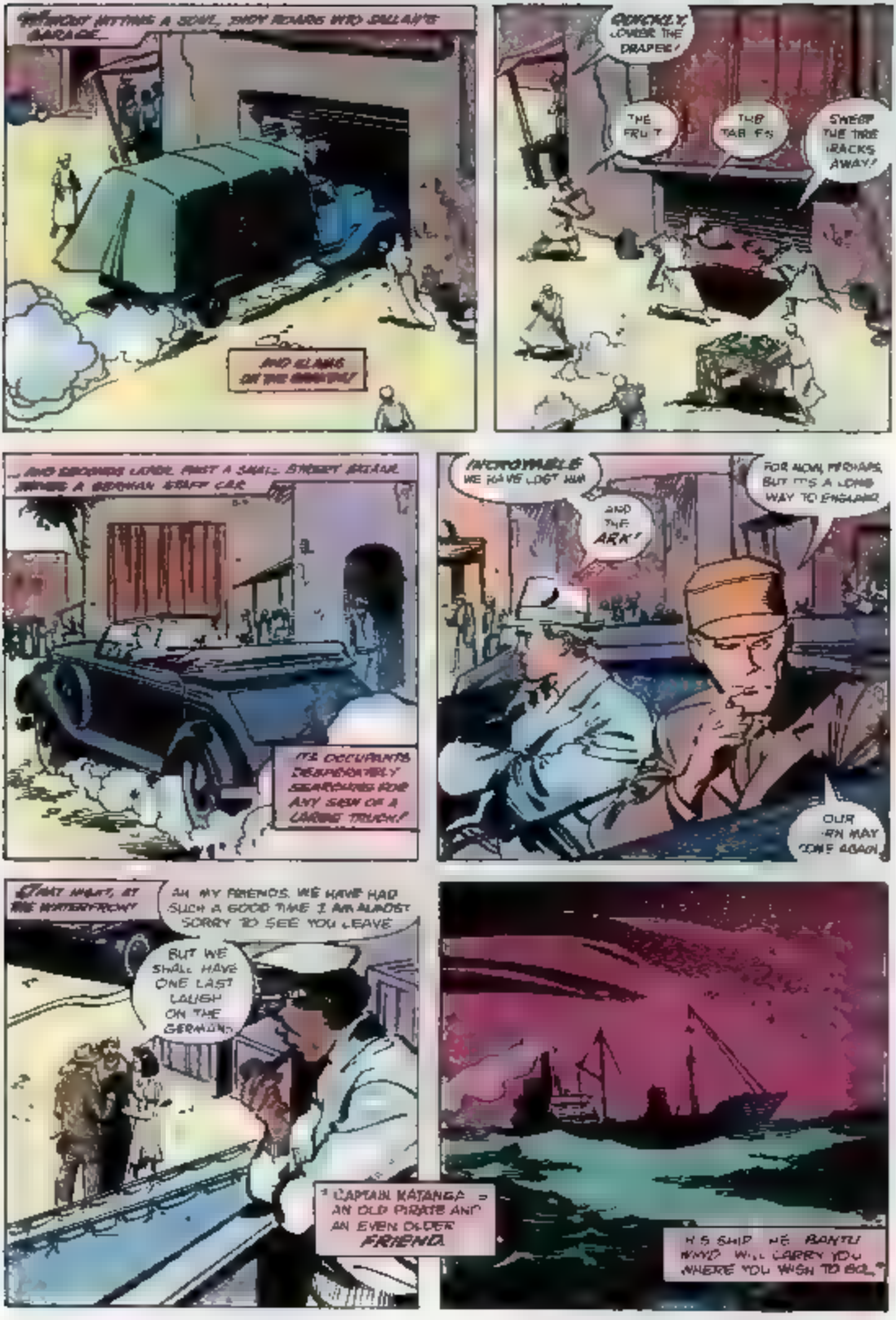
VAGUELY. NOW LET'S PULL THESE GUYS OUT OF SIGHT AND GET ABOARD...
YOU...
INDY! LOOK OUT!
...BUT THE GERMAN COLLAPSES, SQUEEZING OFF A WILD SHOT AS HE DOES SO...
BAM!
PA-WANG
STILL, HE COULD NOT HAVE PICKED A BETTER TARGET FOR ATTRACTING ATTENTION IF HE'D STAYED CONSCIOUS...
...FOR, A MOMENT LATER...
THE PLANE!
BARROOOM
SABOTAGE!
WE MUST GET THE ARK AWAY FROM THIS PLACE IMMEDIATELY.
HAVE IT PUT ON THE TRUCK. WE'LL FLY OUT OF CAIRO.
AND GOBLER, I WANT PLENTY OF PROTECTION.
YES, SIR!
AS THE CAMP BEGINS TO BREAK UP, SALLAH GOES TO COLLECT HIS MEN.
SUDDENLY...
TREK!
INDY! MARION! HOLY SMOKE, MY FRIENDS! I AM SO PLEASED YOU ARE NOT DEAD!
US, TOO.
HOW COME DIETRICH AND HIS BOYS DIDN'T SIGN YOU OFF AT THE WELL WHEN THEY FOUND YOU?
A GLIB TONGUE.
I PERSUADED THEM YOU HAD DUPED US BY POSING AS A GERMAN.
AFTER ALL, WE ARE BUT SIMPLE ARABS.

BUT INDY! THE ARK!
THEY'RE TAKING IT BY TRUCK TO CAIRO!
WHERE IS IT NOW?
COME. I'LL SHOW YOU.
YOU SEE?
IT WILL BE CARRIED UNDER GUARD.
TOHT AND SOBLER WILL RIDE BEHIND.
DIETRICH AND BELLOQ WILL RIDE IN A CAR IN FRONT.
ALL ARMED.
CAREFUL, YOU FOOLS. IT MUSTN'T BE DAMAGED!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S MOVE OUT!
YOU TWO GET BACK TO CAIRO, QUICK, AND GET US TRANSPORTATION TO ENGLAND-- A PLANE, A SHIP.
I'M GOING TO GET THAT TRUCK!
HOW?
I DON'T KNOW. I'M MAKING THIS UP AS I GO ALONG!
I'LL MEET YOU AT YOUR GARAGE, SALLAH. GET READY FOR ME.
OH, INDY. BE CAREFUL.
COME, WE TOO MUST--!

SUDDENLY, BURSTING OUT FROM BETWEEN THE TENTS OF THE CAMP...
STOP THIEF!
... INDY BLOWS MARION A KISS AND IS GONE!
TERRITORY'S GETTING PRETTY RUGGED AND THAT ROAD'S WINDING AROUND A LOT.
IF I CUT ACROSS COUNTRY, MAYBE I CAN HEAD 'EM OFF.
... AT THIS PASS!
LOOK!
IT'S JONES, HE'S ALIVE!
AND HE'S AFTER THE ARK!
END OF THE LINE, CHUM! I NEED YOUR TRUCK!
BUT DON'T FRET.
YOU CAN HAVE MY HORSE!
H-HELP!
YOU LOOK BUSHED, FRITZ!
SOKK

A LITTLE FRESH AIR WILL DO WONDERS FOR YOU!
WELL, I'VE GOT THE ARK AGAIN! BUT CAN I KEEP IT?
I'LL HAVE TO SHARE THESE TWO CARS, SOMEHOW!
BUT WE'RE CLIMBING INTO THE HILLS, MAYBE...
LOOK OUT! THE TRUCK'S SPEEDING UP!
FASTER, CORPORAL! HE'S TRYING TO PUSH US OFF THE ROAD!
STAY IN FRONT OF HIM!
MAYBE THAT CAN PULL ALONG SIDE THE TRUCK AND GET HIM!
HURRY, YOU FOOL! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THAT ARK, WE'RE ALL DEAD MEN!
THE FUHRER WILL SEE TO IT!
I'M TRYING, SIR, BUT THE DUST! KOFF! KOFF! IT'S HARD TO SEE WHERE--!
SUDDENLY, THE DUST AROUND THE STAFF CAR CLEARS COMPLETELY...
WEEE!
...BUT ONLY BECAUSE IT IS NO LONGER FOLLOWING THE TRUCK!

THE SCREAMS STOP AS THE CAR DOES...
SRUAANG!
...ABRUPTLY!
THA-KOOUMM!
THERE GO A FEW GUYS WHO WON'T BE NEEDING THE ARK TO TALK TO THE ALMIGHTY!
AND WE'RE FINALLY BEYOND THE CLIFFS.
SO I'D BETTER MAKE MY MOVE NOW!
DRIVER, STOP! THE TRUCK'S TURNING AROUND!
SCREEEECH!
AFTER HIM! WE CAN'T LOSE HIM NOW! NOT AFTER ALL THIS!
BUT INDY KEEPS IT FLOORED AND REACHES THE OUTSKIRTS OF CAIRO JUST AHEAD OF DIETRICH AND BELLOQ.
I CAN'T RISK SLOWING DOWN IF I'M GOING TO REACH SALLAH FIRST...
OMIND SHRUGGING HIS SHOULDERS...
...INDY ENTERS THE STREETS OF CAIRO...
...AT TOP SPEED!
BEEP BEEP

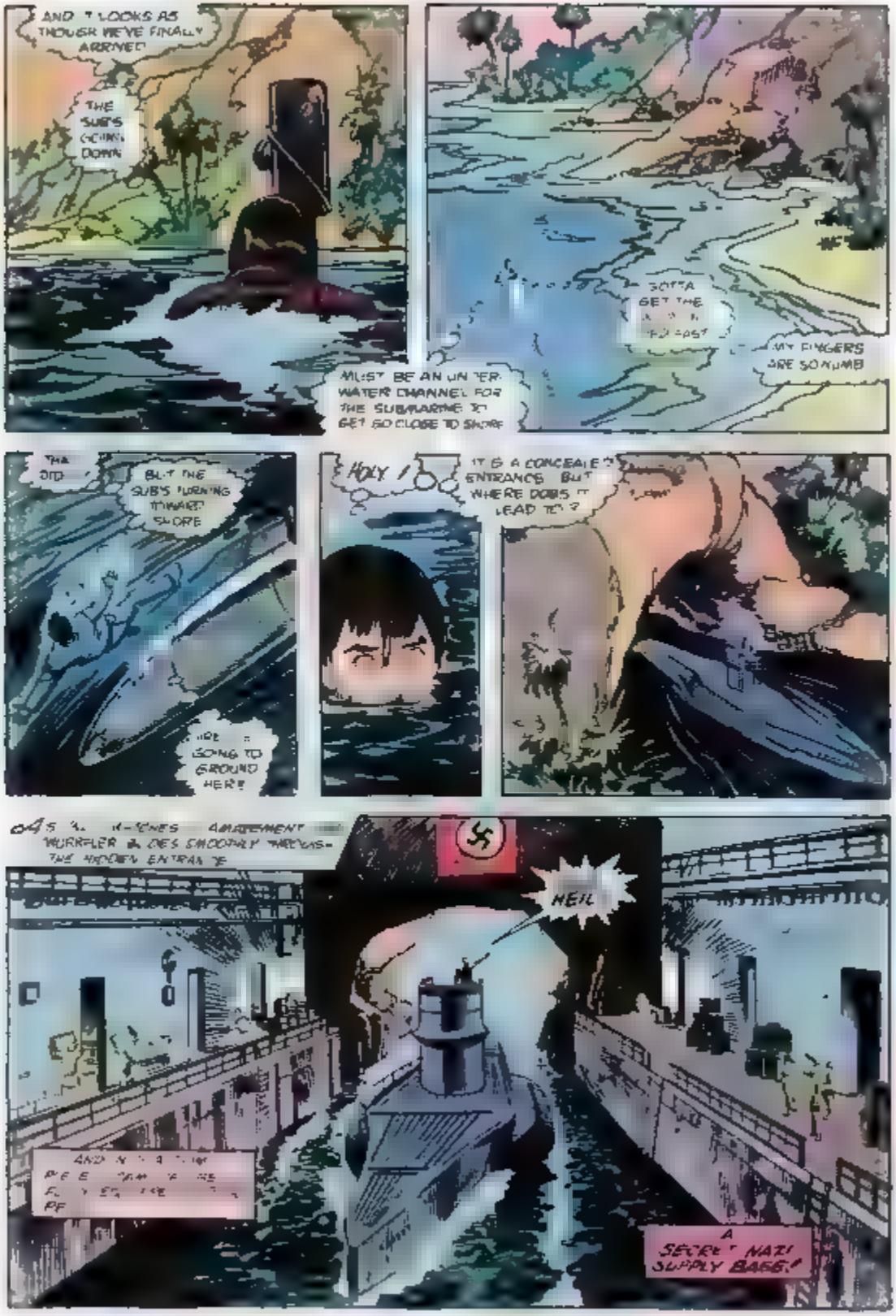

...WITHOUT HITTING A SOUL, THEY REACH WEI DALLAI'S GARAGE...
AND CLIMB ON THE MOTORCYCLE!
QUICKLY, COVER THE DRAPES!
THE FRUIT
THE TAR PIT
SWEEP THE TREE BRANCHES AWAY!
...AND SECONDS LATER, FAST A SMALL STREET BEHIND WHERE A GERMAN STAFF CAR
ITS OCCUPANTS DESPERATELY SEARCHING FOR ANY SIGN OF A LARGE TRUCK!
INCROYABLE! WE HAVE LOST HIM
AND THE ARK!
FOR NOW, PERHAPS, BUT IT'S A LONG WAY TO ENGADINE!
OUR MEN MAY COME AGAIN
AT THAT MOMENT, AT THE WATERFRONT
AH, MY FRIENDS, WE HAVE HAD SUCH A GOOD TIME I AM ALMOST SORRY TO SEE YOU LEAVE
BUT WE SHALL HAVE ONE LAST LAUGH ON THE GERMANS
CAPTAIN KATANGA = AN OLD PIRATE AND AN EVEN OLDER FRIEND.
HIS SHIP, THE BANTU KING, WILL CARRY YOU WHERE YOU WISH TO GO.

LATER
GROAN I THINK EVEN MY BRUISES HAVE BRUISES
WHERE DOES IT HURT?
EVERY-WHERE
YOU'RE NOT THE MAN I KNEW TEN YEARS AGO
IT'S NOT THE YEARS, IT'S THE MILEAGE
MAYBE I CAN HE
WHERE D YOU GET THAT?
FROM CAPTAIN KATANGA I'M NOT THE FIRST WOMAN TO TRAVEL WITH THESE PIRATES.
IT'S LOVELY.
MMMMMM I AM SO GLAD YO LIKE IT
HEY
NOW WHAT?
THE SHIPS ENGINES HAVE SHUT DOWN
WHY?
KATANGA'S GOT NO REASON TO TAKE A REST STOP OUT HERE!
I'M GOING FOR SIDE
SHOULDN'T BE A MOMENT.
HOURLY ON THE BRIDGE
YOU HAVE MOST IMPORTANT FRIENDS, Dr JONES.
OH?
THEY HAVE THEIR OWN U-BOAT!

AND THEY'VE ALREADY SENT BOARDING PARTIES
YOU AND THE GIRL MUST DISAPPEAR WE HAVE A PLACE IN THE HOLD
SO, MY FRIEND
TOO LATE! THE NAZIS ARE ALREADY ABOARD
AND THEY'VE GOT MARION!
LET G- OF ME YOU BUMS!
MACH SCHNELL
THEY HAVEN'T SPOTTED ME YET BUT IF I DON'T FIND SOMEWHERE TO HIDE FAST IT'LL BE TOO LATE!
WHAT ABOUT JONES?
NOT A TRACE YET, SIR ONLY THE GIRL
JONES IS DEAD
HARD TO BELIEVE CAPTAIN
WE KILLED HIM HE WAS OF NO USE TO US THE GIRL, HOWEVER WILL BRING A GOOD PRICE WHERE WE ARE HEADED
SINCE YOU'VE TAKEN OUR CARGO, IT WOULD REDUCE OUR LOSS IF YOU LEAVE HER BEHIND

TAKE THE ARK ABOARD THE HARPLEY
AND BE VERY CAREFUL
AS FOR THE GIRL SAVAGE, HER FATE IS OURS TO DECIDE WE WILL TAKE WHAT WE WISH
AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER TO BLOW YOUR SHIP FROM THE WATER
THE GIRL COLONEL DIETRICH GOES WITH ME
IF SHE FAILS TO PLEASE ME YOU CAN DO WITH HER AS YOU WISH
VERY WELL BELLOQ CONSIDER IT PAR OF YOUR COMPENSATION I'M SURE THE FÜHRER WOULD APPROVE
WHAT ABOUT THE STEAMER SIR?
GET THE SHIP OUT
THE PRIZE IS OURS AND WE ARE NOT AT WAR YET
AS SOON AS DIETRICH LEAVES THE SUBMARINE BEGINS TO MOVE
BUT THE U-BOAT'S [illegible] PASSENGER [illegible]
AND GET IN THE WATER
BUT I THINK WE LOST THE GOOD

OH! SHE'S BEGINNING TO SUBMERGE!
WATER IS OVER THE MAIN HATCH AREA!
BUT IF THEY KEEP DIVING HAVE A LONG SWIM HOME
BUT I ANTICIPATED FOR THIS AT A SPEED!
I'LL USE A
I DO SLASH MYSELF TO THE SURFACE AND SEE MY HEAD ABOVE WATER
HE'S NOT BE AS I FEARED
IT'S A HORSE!
THE WIND'S CUTTING ME TO RIBBONS!
WAS THAT A DORSAL FIN?
IN PASSES
AND PASSES
ZEE
HUH?
'TIS MORNING AT LAST


AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE'VE FINALLY ARRIVED!
THE SUB'S GOING DOWN
MUST BE AN UNDERWATER CHANNEL FOR THE SUBMARINE TO GET SO CLOSE TO SHORE
GOTTA GET THE [illegible] FAST
MY FINGERS ARE SO NUMB
THE OTD
BUT THE SUB'S TURNING TOWARD SHORE
WE'RE GOING TO GROUND HERE!
HOLY !
IT IS A CONCEALED ENTRANCE BUT WHERE DOES IT LEAD TO?
AS THE U-BOAT'S ENGINES WHIRR AND PURR, IT DISAPPEARS SMOOTHLY THROUGH THE HIDDEN ENTRANCE
HEIL
A SECRET NAZI SUPPLY BASE!

THE ALTAR IS BEING PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE
HAVE THE ARK BROUGHT UP WHEN THE ALTAR IS READY
AND THE GIRL
I SAID I'D BE GLAD TO RELEASE ME YOU'VE DONE ANYTHING YOU WISH
SHE'S WAITING
NOW I MUST PREPARE MYSELF
I AM UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE THOUGHT OF THIS JEBUSEN RITUAL ARE YOU SURE IT'S NECESSARY?
LET ME ASK YOU THIS, COLONEL
WOULD YOU RATHER OPEN THE ARK IN BERLIN FOR THE FUHRER AND EARN ONLY THEN, IF THE SACRED PIECES OF THE COVENANT ARE INSIDE?
TRANSFORMER!
THE SUN IS SETTING, BUT WE FIGHT LIGHT IN BE... IT'S EYES SURROUNDS HIM IN RADIANCE
THE SURFACE OF THE ARK BEGINS TO GLOW AS THE SUPPRESSED ENERGY IS BROUGHT FORWARD

AS CITY IN THE AIR CEASES TO BE LUCIFER AND THE GERMANS ARE DRAWN IRRESISTIBLE TOWARD THE ALTAR TO WITNESS THE STRANGE RITUAL UNFOLDING BEFORE THEM
JOE LUCIFER RAISES HIS ARMS ABOVE THE APE AND BEGINS AN INCANTATION
UNEASY MURMERS FROM JUDEN FOLLOWING THE GERMANS BUT EVEN AS THE HUM SWELLS TO FILL THE DARK SEEMS TO GROW LOUDER
HOLD IT!
WE MOVE FROM ANYBODY'S NOT A BLOW THAT BOY BACK TO MOSES!
JAMES, YOU'RE PERSISTENCE AMAZES EVEN ME YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE MERCENARIES A BAD NAME!
OUTER SPACE... I SEE YOU DON'T THINK YOU'LL AN ESCAPE FROM THIS SLANT
HM... FRIENDS NOW IN REASON ABLE WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE!
ALL I WANT IS THE GIRL
WE WOULD'VE SEEN TIL WE'VE GOT SAFE TRANSPORT TO ENGLAND
YEP ISE ANT WE'LL ALL GO UP IN A BIG BANG!
IT'LL BE GOT FIVE SECONDS TO
JERK!
GRAB HIM!
JAMES THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I HAVE SEEN YOU DOING VERY FOOLISH
I'M TRY YOU TO BREAK THAT ARIT
I'LL HELP YOU PERSONALLY

NO, WAIT!
COLONEL DIETRICH, THIS MAN HAS BEEN AN IRRITATION TO ME FOR MANY YEARS. WHEN HE DIES, I WILL BE THE MOST PLEASED MAN HERE.
HEY, KEEP YOUR TOO
BUT PLEASE
I ASK THAT HE BE BOUND SO THAT WHEN I OPEN THE ARK AT LAST AND REVEAL ITS CONTENTS,
KILL HIM!
A MOMENT'S FOR BEARANCE. I WOULD LIKE HIM TO SEE
INSIDE THIS HOLY RELIC ARE ANCIENT TREASURES BEYOND MAN'S WILDEST ASPIRATIONS!
THE PURITY OF YOUR
OH, INDY, I'M SO AFRAID.
ME, TOO. THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME FOR IT.
INDY, I DO LOVE YOU.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW
AND LOVE YOU.
AGAIN, BELLOQ TAKES HIS PLACE BEFORE THE ARK AND BEGINS HIS INVOCATION.
AGAIN, THE HUM EMANATING FROM THE ARK FILLS THE SILENCE AROUND THE CAMP.
NO! AGAIN THE GERMANS INVOLUNTARILY FIND THEMSELVES DRAWN TO WATCH THE SPECTACLE
NOW THE GLOW, THE SOUND... IT'S PULLING AT ME! I CAN'T LOOK AWAY!
STOP!

HIS INVOCATION NEARLY COMPLETE BELLOQ INSERTS HIS ROD INTO A NOTCH UNDER THE LID OF THE ARK AND BEGINS TO LIFT.
THE SOUND FROM THE ARK FILLS THE SPACE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH.

THE DESPERATE CRY REACHES HER THROUGH THE SIREN CALL AND SLOWLY, PAINFULLY, MARION TURNS HER HEAD AWAY AND CLOSES HER EYES!

EVERYONE ELSE STANDS RIVETED AS THE LID OF THE ARK SUDDENLY FLIES OPEN...
AND THE NIGHT COMES ALIVE WITH A POWER THAT IS TERRIBLE TO BEHOLD!

FOR THIS IS THE TRUE ARK OF THE COVENANT..
...THE HOLY VESSEL CONTAINING THE STONE FRAGMENTS OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS GIVEN UNTO MOSES!
IT IS GOD'S REPLY TO EVIL MEN!
BELLOQ TAKES THE FULL BRUNT OF THE UNLEASHED FURY!
HIS EYES BURN WITH REVELATION..
...AS THOUGH HE HAS EXPERIENCED SOME KIND OF TRANSCENDENTAL KNOWLEDGE!"
IT IS THE LAST THING HE WILL EVER KNOW.
THE ISLAND SHAKES BENEATH THE GROWING HOLOCAUST..
...AND ALL WHO HAVE SEEN THE ARK AND ITS REVELATION!..
...PAY THE FULL PRICE FOR THE KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE GAINED..
...AND RETURN TO THE EARTH AT LAST!"

SUDDENLY... IT IS OVER...
THE ENTIRE ISLAND IS SCORCHED AND BLASTED BUT FOR THE GROUND ABOUT THE LOVERS...
...AND THEY ARE FREE.
BEFORE THEM, ON THE ALTAR, RESTS THE ARK OF THE COVENANT...
...BUT THE RESIDUE OF ASES PAST IS GONE, AND IT SHINES MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN EVER.
OH, IT SHINES!
SOMETIME LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF COLONEL MUSGROVE OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C....
YOU'VE DONE YOUR COUNTRY A GREAT SERVICE, DR. JONES...
...AND WE TRUST YOU FOUND THE SETTLEMENT SATISFACTORY?
QUITE, BUT I'D STILL LIKE TO KNOW WHEN THE ARK WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE MUSEUM.
I THOUGHT WE'D ANSWERED THAT.
IT'S SOMEPLACE QUITE SAFE--
OH, IT WILL BE, DR. JONES, I ASSURE YOU. WE HAVE TOP MEN WORKING ON IT RIGHT NOW.
THAT'S A POWERFUL FORCE! RESEARCH SHOULD BE DONE--!
WHO?
TOP MEN. BUT IF WE NEED HELP, WE'LL BE SURE TO CALL.

"WE'LL BE SURE TO CALL!"
"THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!"
"TOP MEN."
BALONEY!
WELL, THEY AREN'T GOING TO TELL YOU.
AND, ANYWAY, I'D THINK YOU'D HAD ENOUGH OF THAT LOUSY ARK!
WHY DON'T YOU FORGET IT?
YEAH? HOW?
STICK WITH ME, PAL. I'M SURE WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.
WELL... IT'S NOT THE ARK, BUT IT'LL DO.
ELSEWHERE, A NEWLY SEALED CRATE...
TOP SECRET US ARMY INT #9908757 DO NOT OPEN
...ITS STENCILED LETTERING STILL WET...
... IS LIFTED ONTO A DOLLY...
... AND QUIETLY ROLLED DOWN THE ENDLESS AISLES OF A VAST WAREHOUSE...
... UNTIL SOON, EVEN THE SOFT HUM FROM WITHIN THE CRATE IS SWALLOWED UP...
...BY THE DUSTY SILENCE...